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## IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An electrically conductive floor covering based on linoleum,

comprising:

a wear layer, a lower layer, and a backing, wherein the wear layer comprises 0.1% to

5% by weight carbon black or 0.1% to 8% by weight metal powder in relation to the

total weight of the wear layer or a combination thereof;

a lower layer, wherein the lower layer contains at least one electrically conductive

filler material, wherein the electrically conductive filler material includes 1% to 20%

by weight carbon black or 1.5% to 40% metal powder in relation to the conductive

mixed mass or a combination thereof;

a backing layer; and

a conductive web strip applied to a side of the backing away from the lower layer,

wherein the conductive web is in electrical contact with the lower layer, and wherein

the floor covering has a contact resistance R<sub>1</sub> per EN 1081 (April 1998) of a

maximum of  $10^7 \Omega$ .

2. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein the lower layer

has a thickness of 0.6 mm to 1.4 mm.

3. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein the wear layer

comprises a chemical additive for increasing conductivity.

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- 4. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 3, wherein the chemical additive is selected from derivatives of imidazol, imidazolin, benzimidazol, morpholin and mixtures thereof.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein the wear layer has a bright color.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein the wear layer has a multicolor pattern.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The floor covering according to Claim 1, wherein the wear layer has a thickness of 1.4 mm to 3.6 mm.
- 8. (Canceled).
- 9. (Currently Amended) The floor covering according to Claim-8\_1, wherein the electrically conductive web strip comprises an electrically conductive filler material.
- 10. (Previously Presented) A method for producing a floor covering based on linoleum according to Claim 1 comprising applying the lower layer onto the backing; and forming the wear layer on the lower layer.

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- 11. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 10, further including applying a back coating in the form of an electrically the conductive web strip to the back side of the floor covering.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 11, wherein the back coating is applied through a press process.